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The Dutch finance minister has signalled possible interest in reconstructing ABN Amro by buying back some of its businesses from [Royal Bank of Scotland](#).

Wouter Bos told Dutch television that ABN's retail banking business in the Netherlands, which was nationalised last autumn, could profit by buying back parts of RBS.

The British bank this week signalled it was considering disposals after suffering a £22bn-£28bn loss last year. A sale to the Dutch government would mark the ultimate humiliation for Sir Fred Goodwin, RBS's former chief executive, who acquired ABN's wholesale banking operations in 2007.

Mr Bos said a deal would have to be considered "carefully, precisely and with good business sense". However, people close to RBS said there were no current talks under way.

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